

:010 15.617 Wildlife Conservation and Appreciation

:020 (Partnerships For Wildlife)

:030 FEDERAL AGENCY: FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE, DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

:040 AUTHORIZATION: Partnerships For Wildlife Act, Title VII, Section 7105(g), Public Law 102-587; 106 Stat. 5098; 16 U.S.C. 3741.

:050 OBJECTIVES: To establish a partnership among the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, designated State agencies, and private organizations and individuals to (1) carry out wildlife conservation and appreciation projects to conserve the entire array of diverse fish and wildlife species in the United States and to provide opportunities for the public to use and enjoy these fish and wildlife species through nonconsumptive activities; (2) enable designated State agencies to respond more fully and utilize their statutory and administrative authorities by carrying out wildlife conservation and appreciation projects; and (3) encourage private donations, under leadership of the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation, to carry out wildlife conservation and appreciation projects.

:060 TYPES OF ASSISTANCE: Project Grants.

:070 USES AND USE RESTRICTIONS: Eligible projects include inventory of fish and wildlife species; determination and monitoring of the size, range, and distribution of populations of fish and wildlife species; identification of the extent, condition, and location of the significant habitats of fish and wildlife species; identification of the significant problems that may adversely affect fish and wildlife species and their significant habitats; actions to conserve fish and wildlife species and their habitats; and actions of which the principal purpose is to provide opportunities for the public to use and enjoy fish and wildlife through nonconsumptive activities.

:080 ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:

:081 Applicant Eligibility: Any designated fish and wildlife agency of the 50 States, the District of Columbia, and the insular areas. A designated agency includes any department or division of any department of another name, of a State that is empowered under its laws to exercise the functions normally exercised by a State fish and wildlife agency.

:082 Beneficiary Eligibility: This program is to benefit any wild members of the animal kingdom that are in an unconfined state, except

animals that are: (1) taken for recreation, fur, or food; (2) Federally listed as endangered or threatened species under the Endangered Species Act; or (3) marine mammals defined by the Marine Mammal Protection Act. This program is intended to provide recreation to broad segments of the public who enjoy nonconsumptive wildlife recreation.

:083 Credentials/Documentation: Costs will be determined in accordance with 43 CFR Part 12, Subpart C, "Uniform Administrative Requirements for Grants and Cooperative Agreements to State and Local Governments." Section 12.62 identifies Federal cost principles for determining allowable costs.

:090 APPLICATION AND AWARD PROCESS:

:091 Preapplication Coordination: This program is eligible for coverage under E.O. 12372, "Intergovernmental Review of Federal Programs." An applicant should consult the office or official designated as the single point of contact in his or her State for more information on the process the State requires to be followed in applying for assistance, if the State has selected the program for review.

:092 Application Procedure: Participating States will submit a narrative statement describing the need, objectives, benefits, approach, and estimated cost for the proposed project along with the standard application forms furnished by the Federal agency and required by 43 CFR Part 12, Subpart C, "Uniform Administrative Requirements for Grants and Cooperative Agreements to State and Local Governments."

:093 Award Procedure: The Director of the Fish and Wildlife Service will select projects to be funded based on established criteria.

:094 Deadlines: Each State must submit proposals not later than September 1 for funding the next fiscal year.

:095 Range of Approval/Disapproval Time: Approximately 180 days.

:096 Appeals: Final determination rests with the Director of the Fish and Wildlife Service.

:097 Renewals: Funding of projects selected for future years is contingent on the future availability of funds.

:100 ASSISTANCE CONSIDERATIONS:

:101 Formula and Matching Requirements: The Federal share of project costs is not to exceed one third of the project cost, except that if two

or more States cooperatively fund a project the Federal share may be 40 percent. Private funding must be available to match the Federal share.

:102 Length and Time Phasing of Assistance: Projects normally funded through annual segments.

:110 POST ASSISTANCE REQUIREMENTS:

:111 Reports: A Performance Report is required for each annual segment within 90 days after the end of the segment.

:112 Audits: In accordance with the provisions of OMB Circular No. A-133 (Revised, June 24, 1997), "Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations," nonfederal entities that receive financial assistance of \$300,000 or more in Federal awards will have a single or a program-specific audit conducted for that year. Nonfederal entities that expend less than \$300,000 a year in Federal awards are exempt from Federal audit requirements for that year, except as noted in Circular No. A-133.

:113 Records: Cost records must be maintained separately for each project. Records, accounts, and supporting documents must be retained for 3 years after submission of final request for reimbursement.

:120 FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

:121 Account Identification: 14-5150-0-2-303.

:122 Obligations: (Grants) FY 00 \$764,200; FY 01 \$1,050,170; and FY 02 est \$0.

:123 Range and Average of Financial Assistance: \$1,500 to \$90,000; \$23,158.

:130 PROGRAM ACCOMPLISHMENTS: In fiscal year 2000, funds were used to carry out 15 research and survey projects, 6 educational and recreational projects, and 12 management projects.

:140 REGULATIONS, GUIDELINES, AND LITERATURE: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Fish and Wildlife Service Manual. Available free to designated fish and wildlife agencies.

:150 INFORMATION CONTACTS:

:151 Regional or Local Office: See Catalog Appendix IV for addresses.

:152 Headquarters Office: Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, 1849 C St., NW, Washington, DC 20240. Contact: Chief, Division of Federal Aid. Telephone: (703) 358-2156.

:153 Web Site Address: [HTTP://www.far9.fws.gov](http://www.far9.fws.gov).

:160 RELATED PROGRAMS: 15.614, Coastal Wetlands Planning, Protection and Restoration Act.

:170 EXAMPLES OF FUNDED PROJECTS: Projects to determine status of nongame animals, to manage nongame wildlife populations, to inform the public about nongame animals, and to allow the public recreational opportunities pertaining to nongame wildlife enjoyment.

:180 CRITERIA FOR SELECTING PROPOSALS: Project must be submitted by the State agency having responsibility for fish and wildlife program in the State. Purpose of the project must be consistent with the purpose and conditions of the Act. A review panel established by the Director of the Fish and Wildlife Service will review all projects and make funding recommendations to the Director.

:320 APPLICANTS: 1456;1462

:330 BENEFICIARIES: 39

:340 FUNCTIONS: QO;QQ

:350 CIRCULARS: EO12372

:500 PUBLIC LAWS: 102*587

:510 STATUTES: 1065098

:520 U.S. CODES: *16*3741

:530 MATCHING REQTS:

:540 GRANTS: 768;765;768

:550 LOANS: NA;NA;NA

:560 OTHER: NA;NA;NA

:570 DEADLINE DATE:

:600 SUBJECT TERMS:

Fish and wildlife

habitat management

Partnerships for Wildlife

recreational fisheries

wildlife conservation, management